Raising Kashmir issue by Pakistan at the U.N.

1597. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:
SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Pakistan's ambassador Mr. Kamal Hasan had again raised the allegations of Human Rights violation by Indian Security Forces in Kashmir at the United Nation's recent Session, and sought implementation of the U.N. resolutions on Kashmir, if so, the precise nature and content of his statement at the U.N.; and

(b) what was the Indian response thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI R.L. BHATIA): (a) Yes, Sir. At the current UNGA session, Pakistan's permanent Representative has alleged that Indian Security forces have committed human rights abuses in J&K. He also asked for implementation of the Security Council resolutions, which call for a Plebiscite.

(b) The Indian delegation in its response pointed out the pervasive, state-sponsored and prevalent abuses of human rights in Pakistan, and Pakistan's direct involvement in terrorist activities in J&K. The Indian representative stated that J&K is an integral part of India and Pakistan continues to occupy part of Indian State of J&K in violation of Security Council resolutions.

Steps to check activities of Naxalites in Maharashtra

1598. SHRIMATI BASANTI SHARMA:
DR. SHRIKANT RAMCHANDRA JICHKAR:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of Naxalites who are recorded to be actively working in the Chandrapur, Gaddrirole and Bhandara Districts of Maharashtra;

(b) what steps are being taken to monitor and curb their activities; and

(c) what is the long term plan to eliminate Naxalites from this area?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SYED SIBTEY RAZI): (a) As per available information, about 70 naxalites are reported to be active in Chandrapur, Gadchiroli and Bhandara districts of Maharashtra.

(b) 'Public Order' and 'Police' being State subjects, it is for the Govt. of Maharashtra to devise various methods and take concrete steps in this regard. At the Central level, action is taken to facilitate coordination of the anti-naxalite operations of different States and to improve flow of information useful for control of naxalite activities among the States. Further, help is being provided to the State governments in terms of financial assistance for modernisation of police, supply of improved weapons, deployment of para-military forces etc.

(c) as per available reports, Government of Maharashtra has launched long term measures comprising welfare schemes for tribals, and development of backward regions in those districts as well as providing other amenities and implementing employment guarantee scheme so that the support base of naxailites is reduced.

पेट्रोलियम पदार्थों के मूल्यों में वृद्धि प्रस्ताव

1599. **श्री सत्य प्रकाश मालवीय:**
श्री येरा नारायणस्वामी:

क्या **पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या यह सच है कि सरकार घरेलू तथा अन्य उपयोगों के लिये पेट्रोलियम पदार्थों, जैसे कि रसोई गैस और मिट्टी के तेल के मूल्यों में वृद्धि करने पर विचार कर रही है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो क्या यह भी सच है कि सरकार

पेट्रोलियम पदार्थों पर दी जा रही राज-सहायता को बन्द करने या उसे बहुत ही कम करने का विचार रखती है;

(ग) यदि हां, तो इसके क्या कारण है इन पदार्थों के मूल्यों में संभावित वृद्धि की दर क्या होगी और गत दो वर्षों के दौरान एल पी जी की कीमतों में किस हद् तक वृद्धि हुई है; और

(घ) घरेलू गैस की कीमतों में वृद्धि करने के संबंध में सरकार ने क्या निर्णय लिया है और इस वृद्धि का आम जनता के दैनिक जीवन पर क्या असर पड़ने की संभावना है?

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (कैप्टन सतीश शर्मा): (क) से (घ) वर्तमान में ऐसा कोई प्रस्ताव नहीं है।

Extenction of Dolphins

1600. SHRI RAHASBIHARI BARIK: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Dolphins are found in the Ganges;

(b) whether it is also a fact that they are on the verge of extinction;

(c) if so, the reasons, therefor; and

(d) the steps taken to save these rare species from extinction?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) Yes, sir.

(b) and (c) The gangetic dolphins are not on the verge of extinction. However, their population over the years is reported to be declining.

(d) The steps taken by the Government for the conservation of the gangetic dolphins include;

(i) Dolphin has been listed in Schedule I of Wildlife (Protoection) Act, 1972 which provides legal protection against hunting and commercial exploitation.

(ii) States concerned have been advised to implement the following specific measures;

(a) The fisheries departments should regulate the mesh size of fishing nets to avoid accidental deaths of river dolphin;

(b) The mosquito net should be prohibited for fishing in any part of the river.

(c) The fishermen should be instructed to avoid use of dolphin oil to attract the fish for netting.

(d) Awareness campaign to educate people for Dolphin conservation should be stepped up.

(iii) Raids are also carried out by the Wildlife Authorities whenever information of illegal capture of dolphin reaches them.

(iv) Vikramshila Dolphin sanctuary in Bhagalpur district of Bihar and the Ganges Turtle sanctuary near Varanasi in Uttar Pradesh have been established on the river ganga which *inter alia* provide protection to the species and its habitat.

लाल किले में सेंधमारी की घटना

1601. **श्री जनेश्वर मिश्र**: क्या गृह मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या सरकार को इस बात की जानकारी है कि दिल्ली के लालकिले में 2 अक्तूबर से पहले सेंध लगाई गई थी;

(ख) जिस स्थान पर यह सेंध लगाई गई थी उस स्थान की सुरक्षा की जिम्मेदारी किस संस्था की थी;

(ग) क्या सरकार ने उक्त घटना की जांच करायी है; और

(घ) इस संबंध में ब्यौरा क्या है

गृह मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (प्रो० एम० कामसन): (क) और (ख) लाल किले की सुरक्षा का जिम्मा संभालने वाली एजेंसी भारतीय पुरातत्व सर्वेक्षण ने सूचित किया है कि 2 अक्तूबर, 1995 से पूर्व लाल किले के किसी हिस्से में सेंध नहीं लगाई गई।

(ग) जी हां, श्रीमान्।

(घ) लाल किले के उत्तर दिशा वाली किलेबन्दी दीवार में एक मेहराबदार गेटवे है जिसे चिनाई करके